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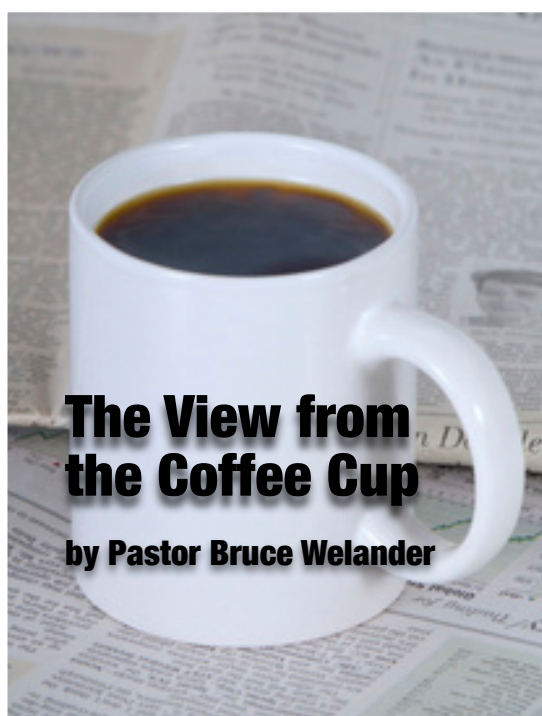
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The View from the Coffee Cup

by Pastor Bruce Weland

As I write this, summer is barely half over, but already it has been a very full summer for me and for Faith Community as a whole.

For one thing, summer has been delightfully full of worship and worshippers. Even though many people have been on vacation, worship remains strong... and full of variety. As of the second week-end in July, we have already been blessed with sermons from three retired pastors in our congregation.

I am grateful for the messages from the Revs. Michael O'Grady, Tyger Penson and Todd Penson. Also, we have heard some inspiring journeys of faith from Linda Thoman and Ben Mason so far, with several more to come before the summer ends. Also, as always, our worship teams and soloists have been great.

It is such a pleasure to worship here at Faith Community, and I am grateful for all who help us. That includes a great 8:30 outdoor-preparation crew; under the leadership of head usher Ed Owens. Many different people have arrived at church as early as 7:00 on Sunday mornings to help us prepare for our 8:30 outdoor worship. Also, so far attendance has been strong.

Our special summer Sunday school classes have also been strong, with all sorts of different subjects taught by many different members. There is a lot to choose from, and Nanette Goings has done her usual great work in lifting up the gifts of our people in some very special sessions. On a personal level, I have been pleased with the vast interest shown in the classes on Islam that I am leading all summer. Also, this is a summer of many special events, including another great work camp, with experiences shared in our worship services on July 26-27. Then too, the outstanding Spoudazo music and drama group from Fremont, Nebraska graces us with their presence on Friday, July 18.



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We also have a New Orleans connection this summer. Last year, six of us from Faith Community went to that city to try to assist in the aftermath of Katrina. Our church headquarters there was Grace Lutheran Church, where I preached and led worship one Sunday. Now, this summer, on a recent weekend, a group from Grace has stayed at our church and has visited us at worship.

Also, I am looking forward immensely to the first weekend in August, when we will be making another New Orleans connection. When our group was in that city last year, we also made a weekday visit to a church composed mostly of African-Americans, in the inner city there. We were impressed at the work that they were doing for their city's recovery, and FCLC has now sent some support to them. On the weekend of August 2-3, the pastor of this church, Bethlehem Lutheran, the Rev. Dr. Patrick Keen, will be in the pulpit at Faith Community.

A Chicago native, Keen was the first director of Chicago's Habitat for Humanity program. He is a pastor developer for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a community developer, and a grass roots organizer—experience that has been helpful to him in dealing with the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Pastor Keen's church was not damaged substantially by the storm and has served as a staging area and hospitality center for relief workers. Keen has welcomed numerous church-related groups as they came to help rebuild the city.

Pastor Keen was recently the speaker on two different Sundays on a Christian radio program entitled Day 1, which is broadcast across the nation. When he visits us, in addition to preaching and singing, he will also lead an adult Sunday school class, and he will speak at an informal luncheon following the 11:00 service. Other churches have been invited to this luncheon as well. I hope you can join us...and invite your friends too. Thanks for your part in making this a very full summer. May it be full of recreation – and re-creation – for you.

In Christ's Love,

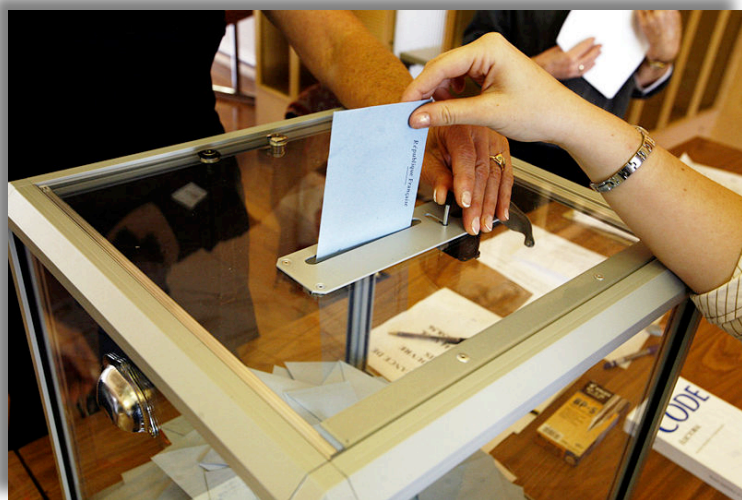
Pastor Bruce Welander

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER marriage conference

Even the best marriage needs nourishment to keep it growing. And for 30 years, the Weekend to Remember conference has been showing couples how to make a relationship blossom. With biblical truths and practical tools to help you understand the keys to a successful marriage, Weekend to Remember is an experience you'll never forget. www.familylife.com/weekend
For more info, dates and group discount code, contact Susan Moller, 303-776-8771, sue@fclc.org



IT'S YOUR CALL!



We are so blessed to have a growing and vibrant church community at FCLC. As church leaders, we are continually looking for opportunities to enhance our ability to satisfy not only the spiritual needs of our congregation, but of our community as well. To that end the Church Council, at our June meeting, voted to place a Call to Ed Broestl as a Diaconal Minister at FCLC. This culminates our long-term plan from a year ago when we brought Ed onto our staff in his current position, Parish Associate.

Quoting a reference on the Rocky Mountain Synod Web page: "A call is not a career or

profession. It is the vocation of our life – the work that gives us meaning or purpose. Discovering the voice of God's call amongst all the calls in our culture is a serious and sometimes anxious process. Listening for God, who knows what you need and what the world needs you to do, is a challenge and opportunity."

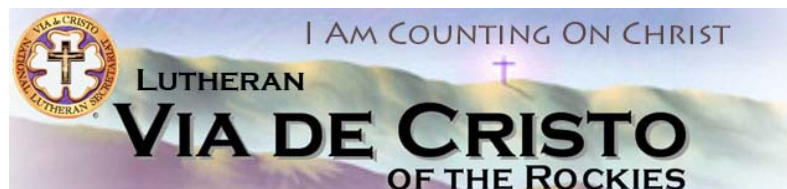
Ed heard that call several years ago. This Call will be a validation of: his faithful following of God's direction, his success in theological education and studies, and his capable and valuable service to FCLC over this past year. For FCLC, it provides us with additional credentials and capabilities to serve our congregation and community. Ed's ongoing responsibilities would be consistent with those he presently fulfills along with additional duties in aid to Pastor Dan and Pastor Bruce.

The Synod and our Bylaws & Constitution require a ballot vote for a Called position. We are currently planning a short congregational meeting and vote in August after an early service. Watch the bulletin for further information and please address any immediate questions to any of the Church Council members.

Mark Praska
Congregational President, FCLC

Upcoming Via de Cristo Weekend Retreats

The next VdC Weekends will be **Sept. 18-21** (Men & Women), **Oct. 16-19** (Men), and **Nov. 6-9** (Women). **Harlan Olson** is in-charge of the September weekend, and **Gary Borchert** is in-charge of the October weekend. Via de Cristo is a WONDERFUL 3-day weekend and experience. Please pray about attending or serving. Via de Cristo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called a small group of potential leaders; He trained them by word and example and inspired them with a vision; He linked them together and sent them out into the world to bring the world to Him. Via de Cristo is a renewal movement of the church patterned on Jesus' example. Its purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian Leaders. The leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the Church environment. Contact Janelle Olson in the church office for more details. www.vdcr.org You will LOVE it!! ;) Please inquire!



FCLC Christian Education

10,000 Step-A-Day: Walking Program begins in September! Register your team today!



Beginning **Sept. 14**, and continuing for **nine** weeks, the FCLC 3rd Annual 10,000 Step Team Walking Challenge will again be held. So, during the month of August, start breaking in a new pair of tennies, purchase a pedometer and find four or five friends to be your teammates. For more information, and to sign up your team, check out the bulletin board by the staff office beginning Aug. 17. Registration deadline will be Sept. 10.

Summer of Gifts Sunday School for All Ages!

It's not too late to jump into Faith Community Lutheran's own *Summer of Gifts Sunday School* each Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45 am during the month of August. Check out the easel in the church narthex to discover the unique classes taught each week by gifted FCLC instructors. Each Sunday you may choose from 5-7 different classes, with at least one course offering for each age group.

Have you seen the cans of fruits and vegetables stacked up in the church library?

FCLC members have really been reading books from the church library this summer! At last count we had over 30 institutional-sized cans of food waiting to be donated to Longmont Meals on Wheels. Each book checked out from the church library, read and returned "earns" a portion of a large can of fruit or veggies. Top readers will be delivering the cans to Meals on Wheels in August. (Did you know that during the month of June, over 50 books were checked out of the library each week? Wow!!!) Thanks to Lois Ward and our library committee for keeping those shelves stocked!



(VBS) Assembling care packages for Longmont Workcamp teens

Have you ever thought of volunteering in the Christian Education Ministry?

Have you ever considered helping "nurture seeds of faith" in children? If so, the Christian Education Ministry needs YOU! **Sunday school volunteer training will be taking place on Saturday, Aug. 23, 10-11:30am** at church. Please contact Nanette nanette@fclc.org if you would like more information, or are just itchin' to get involved.

Confirmation Orientation for all middle school students AND parents!

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 6-7:15 pm. Acolyte sign-up will also take place that evening so bring your calendars



VBS Assistant Song Leaders



(VBS) Michael Sell running with water? Watch out!



(VBS) Coloring tray favors for Meals on Wheels while nibbling the snack that multiplied.

Christian Education Dates to Remember

August 5 9-9:45 am	Kneesitters' Club (Preschool-2nd grade story time, crafts, snacks)
August 12 9-9:45 am	Last Kneesitters' Club for the summer
August 23 10-11:30 am	Christian Education Volunteer Training Meeting
August 24 8:30am-12:30 pm	Bonfils Blood Drive: Save a life. Give blood. Contact Mary Konicek marylarrykids@aol.com to donate.
August 31 No Sunday school	Labor Day Weekend
September 1	8:30-9:30 am (Every Saturday morning) Fitball Bible Study
September 3	6:00-7:15 pm Confirmation Orientation for all middle schoolers AND their parents
September 7	8:30 am service Installation of all Christian Education volunteers
September 7	9:45-10:45 am Rally Sunday – Meet Noah and the animals!
September 14	10,000 Step Walking Program begins!
September 28	6:00-7:30 pm Orientation to FCLC, Session #1

(Check the bulletin for more details!)

GOT QUESTIONS?

Director of Christian Education: Nanette Goings (303-772-6269)

Don't forget to Buy your GROCERY CERTIFICATES/GIFT CARDS



Buy between services every Sunday or during Church Office hours during the week. You buy dollar-for-dollar, and use the certificate/Gift Card for food or GAS purchases and FCLC receives a donation from the grocers.



Fellowship Happenings...



Annual Church Picnic, August 24, 3:30 - 7:30pm at Hover Park,
1361 Charles Drive, Longmont, from 3:30 - 7:30pm. Come join us for fun in the sun, delicious food, and great conversation!

Once again, we'll have games for the kids, tennis, Frisbee, volleyball, horseshoes and more for all, and there's a great playground for the younger set. Food this year will include pulled pork, rolls, baked beans, fruit, slaw, dessert and drinks.

We have many ways you can help us. Please contact Sally at sallyjmeier@yahoo.com or Pam at lindplindp@msn.com if you can

lend a hand. Also, if you have a shade shelter you can lend us or bring with you and set up, please let us know.

Progressive Dinner, September 20. Adults, you won't want to miss the fun and fellowship of this great Saturday evening. Look for more details coming in the bulletin and email, but do save the date. You'll be able to sign up for all three parts of the evening--appetizers, dinner, and dessert--or for just those you wish to attend.



All about Youth

“Hello!” and Words for This Next Year

Even though I have only been here for about three weeks, it feels as though I have been here for a year. The welcome and constant encouragement and support from you all, the parents, youth workers and staff, are the most wonderful thing anyone could ask for as a new director.

I wanted to take this time to just say a big “Hello!” to the church family and again say how happy I am to be here working with your students and families. There are tons of dreams going on in this head of mine and I know in the students and yours, as well. I would ask that you all come along and dream with me about what God is doing and going to do in the specifics this ministry of Faith Community.

We are having several “Vision” meetings over the next few months to really get our sights focused in on what God wants to do in Youth Ministry here at FCLC.

From game nights, sleepovers, spiritual formation retreats, Sunday school, missions, camps, workcamp to fellowship and building lasting relationships, we are going to have an amazing Fall '08 and Spring '09.

If you have any questions, comments, encouragement (and even discouragement ;-), you can email me at brit@fcl.org. I would love to hear from you and what the Lord is doing in your life.



Brit Windel, Youth Director

Thoughts on Workcamp

Well, where to start about the amazing time we had at the Blanding, Utah, Workcamp?

To start with, I am so blessed that I was able to go with our amazing students and adults for a week to work.

It was so great for me getting to be around our students and just really bond with them. I could not have asked for a better opportunity to get to spend a week with students and adults and grow closer to them. That was one of the greatest things for me. A week of hot and sweaty work with guys and girls is possibly the greatest opportunity to bond and get to know the students better and them getting to know me better.

It was an amazing experience getting to work with the people of Blanding and help them in their need along-side our amazing students and adults. I look forward to future opportunities of ministry like Workcamp in the near future.



JD 'Jack' Sell -- Amazing Awesome Poncho-wearing Youth

“Thoughts on Workcamp”

Well, my thoughts on Workcamp could be said in just a few words. The first is “fun”!!! I had a lot of fun on this work camp. Since it was my first one, I was a little nervous but once I got comfortable round the group I really got to open up and have fun on it.

Another word that could describe my experience is “different.” When I’m out of my comfort zone, I get really quiet or really loud -- it depends how uncomfortable I am. Well, I was loud when I was first with my crew that I was working with, so I would say I was pretty uncomfortable. But once I got to know them, I came to find that they were very nice and I liked being with them and working on our house. They are the only crew that I would want to do that job with again.

Well to sum it all up, I had fun and I would love to do it again.

Worship Team Corner!



Leap of Faith Worship Team

Has been under construction this summer! Diane Sell will be heading up this team next fall; she has been pulling together new and fun music.

Those youth, 6-12 grades, interested in joining this worship team for the 2008-09 school year please see Diane Sell for a 3-ring binder and CD of all the music that we will be working on this next year~! These will be available to you beginning Aug. 1.

*Those interested in playing instruments, please talk with Diane ahead of time... we are in need of guitarists, drummers, (Bob Goings will be on the Piano...well not actually "ON" it...he will be playing it).

LOF Rehearsal times: (meet in the Sanctuary)

Aug. 27 6-7:30pm (introducing new songs for Rally Day and placing you in your voice range)

Aug. 31 6:15pm-7:30pm (I know it is Labor Day Weekend, but I need as many of you there as possible!)

September

Thursday Sept. 4, 7pm with sound and VPU

Sunday Sept. 21 6:15-7:30pm

Sunday Sept. 28 6:15-7:30pm

WOF Worship Team (Women of Faith)

IS BACK~ and so is Diane~!

See Diane today for your new music packet and CD.

We will begin rehearsals in October.

Those interested in joining us we welcome you!

WOF Rehearsal Schedule:

Oct. 15, 22, 29 meet in sanctuary from 6-7pm

Nov. 12, 19, meet in sanctuary from 6-7pm

Wednesday Nov. 26 from 6-6:30pm

Saturday Nov. 29 at 5pm

Lead Worship Nov. 29-30

Worship this summer...

Thank you to those of you who have given me bulletins from churches where you have worshiped this summer. I love seeing what other congregations are doing. Please keep those bulletins coming as I work hard to plan music for the fall~!

Did you know...?

The hymnist Frances R Havergal wrote "Take My Life and Let It Be"? Although she had served the Lord for years, she felt something was missing in her Christian experience. Then one day in 1873 she received a little book called, "All for Jesus" which stressed the importance of making Christ the King of every corner and cubicle of one's life. Later she found herself spending several days with 10 people in a house. Some were Christians some were not. On her last night there, too excited to sleep she wrote this great consecration hymn, "Take My Life..."

Hundreds of years later the words of this song are still penetrating for us Christians. Whether it is musically in its traditional form or the contemporary form that Chris Tomlin put together that we now use as an offertory, we are moved by its message. Have you given your whole life...everything...to Jesus?

THERE'S STILL TIME . . .



[Only books read and returned by Sunday, August 17, will earn credit for our gift to Meals on Wheels. Is your name ... and all ages can earn ice cream scoops ... on the list of **WHO'S READING?**]

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW AT THE LIBRARY. Books, DVDs, and VCRs seem to flow through the open door at the library. Purchases, gifts, review books, and a steady stream of items with the ever-useful post-it note reading "For the Library" keep the library committee well-supplied with new additions requiring book pockets and checkout cards, plastic book covers, call numbers to aid in shelving and retrieving. A couple of work sessions this summer had to be postponed. That means the new books shelves will be crowded with selections after our August 20 workshop.

The library does add books and DVDs in response to your requests and recommendations, usually within two months. Give your suggestion to Lois Ward, drop it in the checkout box in the library, or put it on the narthex book bin. Ask to be the first reader and we'll notify you when it's ready for circulation.

MAGAZINES [shelved on shelves near the easy chair in the Reading Room] do circulate. However, you do not need to check them out. Browse through them in the library or take one home to read. Just return the copy when you are finished.

FICTION:

Summer Snow by Nicole Baart. 2008. Julia DeSmit faces a heavy set of new challenges in her young life. After a few months of college, she has dropped out, is unwed, pregnant, and grateful to be back with her grandmother. Her father is dead of cancer and Julia carries only great bitterness, anger, and resentment for her estranged mother Janice who walked out on them 10 years ago. Grandmother Nellie's independence, faith, and love for Julia give her the support to take a few steps toward a hope-filled effort to build a new life.

But one bitterly cold March night, Julia answers a knock at the door to find Janice on the porch. Julia has no inclination to accept her mother's efforts to mend the break and certainly feels she is right to refuse to forgive her or even ask her in. But Nellie will not send Janice and her little son back to sleeping in their cold car. Julia questions her faith, whether she can or needs to forgive Janice, and what lies ahead for her and her unborn child. The book comes alive with Baart's skillful portrayals and is filled with love, heartbreak, fear, and hopefulness, with Nellie's wisdom and support for both Janice and Julia, with moments of lightness and humor, prayer and faith. Tough questions are honestly faced and the answers aren't easy.



Drama Notes

3rd -5th Grade Play (K.I.C.S.)

Diane Sell is currently writing a One-Act play that will feature our 3rd -5th grade children. Keep your eyes peeled on the "new" Music and Drama bulletin board located outside Diane's office for more details beginning in September.

Practices will begin Wednesday, Dec. 3 running from 5-7pm (we will break for dinner)

We will pick up rehearsals again after Christmas break on Wednesday nights from 5-7pm, and performances will be February 6-7



LifeSong – Musical for 6th-9th graders...

Come join us in this tropical setting where six kids are put to the test to not only find the true leader inside each of them, but to also learn to lead like Jesus!

Along with the six main characters, we need island people, musicians, singers, actors, dancers... a support team that would help us in the areas of stage crew, sound and lights, VPU and so on!

Tryouts for this production will be held on Sunday, Aug. 24, following the 11am service. Look on the board outside Diane's office for more detailed information and audition sheets, copies of songs to use in your tryout; there is also a copy of a CD of all the music that you are welcome to take and listen to.

If you want to try-out but cannot make the try-out date, please contact Diane Sell to set up a separate time before August 27...the show will be cast by Sunday, Aug. 31.

Rehearsals begin on Sunday, Sept. 7 and run every Sunday from 4-6pm in the Sanctuary.

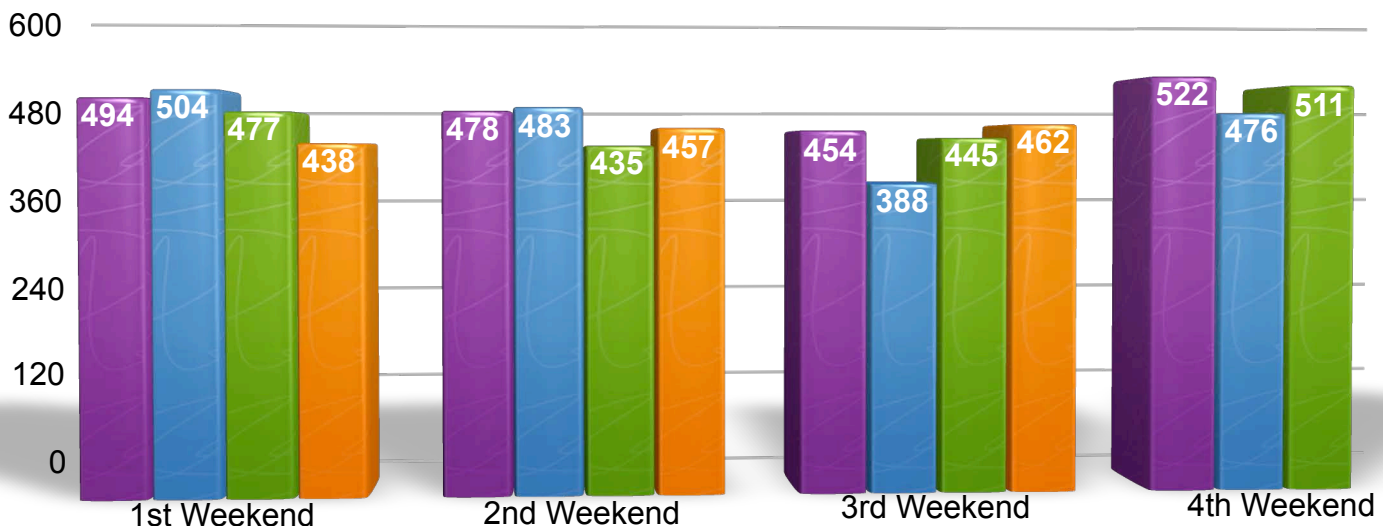
Tech Week: Nov. 9, 10, 11, (13, 14 are scheduled if necessary) from 6-8pm

Production dates: Saturday, Nov. 15 at 7:30pm and Sunday Nov. 16 at 2pm

Leap of Faith Band will be using their talents to bring the music to life!~

Growing at FCLC - Worship Attendance

■ Worship June 2007
 ■ Worship June 2008
 ■ Worship July 2007
 ■ Worship July 2008



Social Statements ~ Not Just Some “Happy Writings”

Many of you know a draft Human Sexuality Social Statement is circulating for comment. During the month of September, we will have several meetings to discuss its content. These meetings are twofold: they will provide an opportunity for individuals to come together to discuss and gain information regarding the draft social statement with subsequent individual comment back to the Task Force that prepared the draft social statement and 2) they will provide an opportunity to seek comments from the people we minister to prior to preparing a Faith Community Lutheran Church congregational response to the draft social statement. There will be two articles in our newsletter prior to these meetings: this article describing the policies and procedures surrounding Social Statements and one in the September Newsletter outlining the draft social statement in preparation for our September discussions. The details for this article were derived from the ELCA website (http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/~media/Files/What%20We%20Believe/policies%20and%20procedures/ELCA_Policies_Book.ashx). A copy of the draft Human Sexuality Social Statement can also be available from the ELCA website (<http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Social-Statements-in-Process/JTF-Human-Sexuality/~media/Files/What%20We%20Believe/Social%20Issues/In%20Process/Human%20Sexuality/Draft%20Statement/draftstatement.ashx>).

The ELCA currently has nine Social Statements (Abortion, Church in Society, Death Penalty, Economic Life, Education, Environment, Health & Healthcare, Peace, and Race, Ethnicity, & Culture). These documents guide and direct methods of the ELCA, its synods, congregations, and associated ministries to include advocacy on these subjects. The Legislative Advocacy done in Colorado is only done if there is a “stated position” in an ELCA Social Statement. For instance, if a bill directing the widening of all roads by six inches were under consideration in the Colorado State Legislature, the Rocky Mountain Synod Colorado Legislative Advocate would remain silent on this proposed legislation since there is no specific language in any of the ELCA Social Statements. However, if a bill associated with the continuing education of adults were under consideration, the position taken by the Rocky Mountain Synod Colorado Legislative Advocate would be dictated by the recently adopted Education Social Statement.

The *Policies and Procedures of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for Addressing Social Concerns* document begins with the following statement: “Faithful participation in society is integral and vital to the mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).... Social statements, messages, social policy resolutions, and studies of social issues are important means by which this church carries out its participation in society.” The methodology associated with social statements is grouped in four spheres:

- 1) **Equipping and Nurturing Members** “relies and expands upon the catechetical work of this church.”
- 2) **Encouraging Learning and Moral Discourse** “promotes open-ended deliberation on specific contemporary social concerns without the pressure of legislative decision or community consensus.”
- 3) **Developing and Enacting Social Policy** “address[es] significant social issues... [and] ...because of the participatory process used in their development, social statements are the most authoritative form of social policy and are adopted by only by the Church wide Assembly.”
- 4) **Interpreting and Applying Social Policy** “lifts up ELCA social policy documents and assists this church to consider the ways that its policy illuminates, forms, critiques, and guides human behavior and the structures of church and society.”

The third sphere, Developing and Enacting Social Policy, is the heart of the task at hand regarding the draft social statement. There are six “guiding perspectives for social statements.”

- 1) **Social statements are theological documents** because they “arise from and address the changing circumstances of the world in light of God’s living word of Law and Gospel.... They bring this church’s understanding of its faith to bear on social issues.”
- 2) **Social statements are teaching documents** because they “give voice to the prophetic mandate of this church, its calling to care for God’s world, and its commitment to reason together on social concerns.”
- 3) **Social statements involve this church in the ongoing task of theological ethics** because they “hope to reflect the qualities of a community of forgiven sinners called to do God’s will...foster[ing] the art of ethical reflection and discussion in congregations and other expressions of this church... [and since we are] united in baptism, members are free to discuss and disagree.”
- 4) **Social statements result from an extensive, inclusive, and accepted process of deliberation through this church** inviting “broad participation by congregations and synods, as well as by other church wide units, is to be encouraged and facilitated in the study process.”
- 5) **Social statements guide the institutional life of this church** “in the areas of advocacy and corporate social responsibility, enabling, limiting, and directing these activities.”
- 6) **Social statements, intended to be used widely in the life and mission of this church, reflect awareness of the various audiences and ministries that they are to serve.**

The procedure for social statement development and approval are well defined. For the Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality, the Church-wide Assembly mandated the topic in 2001. The Journeying Together Faithfully conversations invited comments from synods and congregations to assist in the preparation of the draft social statement. The current draft social statement “represents the task force’s initial attempt to formulate a social statement. As such, it is intended to encourage deliberation on what this church should say about human sexuality.” The Rocky Mountain Synod is holding hearings on the draft social statement during September. We will have discussions during September. Individual, congregational, and synodical comments are due no later than Nov. 1, 2008. The Task Force that prepared the draft will prepare a Proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality for a February release and present it at the Church-wide Assembly in the summer of 2009.

If you have any questions or comments on the above, please contact Ed Broestl. If you have questions on the draft social statement, please jot them down and be an active participant in our discussions in September.

Outreach News

August “S. O. S.” Drive

FCLC Outreach has an “S.O.S.” call going out to the congregation to collect “Shoes Or Socks” for our “S. O. S.” Drive in August. Starting on Aug. 9, please bring your gently used Shoes and/or new Socks to the church and donate them by placing them in the collection bin in the “Outreach Corner” (SW Corner of Narthex). All shoes that are collected will be donated to the OUR Center and all new socks will be donated to the homeless through the HOPE organization. There will also be collection box for used Crocs shoes. The used Crocs will be donated to Soles United where they recycle, regrind, remold and then donate to people in need all over the world. More information on this program can be found at www.solesunited.com



A whole lot of Outreach going on at FCLC...

We’ve had a lot of things going on this summer with FCLC Outreach. Without the help and support of everyone involved, these projects wouldn’t be successful. Thank YOU!

- ✓ A Big Thank You goes out to the congregation for supporting the Windsor Tornado Victims. The Outreach portion (15 percent) of the offerings collected over the weekend of May 31/June 1 was designated to go to Bethel Lutheran in Windsor, Colorado, to help the victims of this natural disaster. In addition, many people wrote checks directly for the tornado victims and FCLC ended up sending \$2,603 to Bethel. What an amazing congregation we have!!!
- ✓ On June 7, we had several volunteers from FCLC pre-make and serve lunch for the 21 workers at Habitat for Humanity. Of the 21 workers, six of them were volunteers from FCLC who spent the entire day helping with exterior trim and siding on a house in northeast Longmont
- ✓ On June 8, we had eight volunteers from FCLC prepare and serve 111 meals to those in need at the OUR Center
- ✓ June 15 was the date that the six-week Baby Bottle Campaign and Fundraiser ended. We had many people from our congregation fill baby bottles full of spare change to donate to Life Choices Pregnancy Center in Longmont.
- ✓ On July 12, FCLC graciously welcomed and opened our doors to host a group of six people (two adults, four kids) from Grace Lutheran in New Orleans on their travels from New Orleans to Grand Junction, Colorado.
- ✓ On July 20-26 AND July 27-Aug 2, FCLC co-sponsored the “Foothills of the Rockies” Workcamp. During these two weeks, nearly 400 kids came to work on over 65 sites in the Longmont area. Without the hard work and dedication of Marcie Mason and Bob Thoman, this Workcamp would not have been so successful. A BIG Thank You goes out to them along with the 40-plus volunteers from FCLC who helped with the site writing, hospitality, delivery of supplies, and other tasks. God works in amazing ways!
- ✓ During the month of July, we collected school supplies and backpacks for the Lutheran Family Services (LFS) School Supply Drive. Collection is still in progress and “loaded” backpacks will be delivered to LFS on August 8.

A Special Guest: Pastor Keen coming to FCLC on Aug. 2 and 3

FCLC Outreach is excited to announce that Rev. Dr. Patrick Keen will be coming to our church on Aug. 2 and 3. We feel very blessed that he is willing to help lead and sing in our worship services as well as participate in the Sunday school hour. He is currently the pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in New Orleans where they are still dealing with the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Bethlehem NOLA is one of FCLC Outreach Ministry Partners and they continue to serve as a staging area and hospitality center for relief workers. Pastor Keen has recently released a musical CD, "Delivered Out of the Storm", where a portion of the proceeds benefit the outreach work of Bethlehem in the inner city of New Orleans.

We hope that you will be able to hear Pastor Keen speak and sing during the worship services over this weekend and during the Sunday school hour. Be sure to checkout his musical CD that will be sold in the narthex between services. You are also invited to a light lunch with him on Sunday, Aug. 3 at 12:30pm in the Sunrise Room. During this time, Pastor Keen will explain what has been accomplished in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina and what remains to be done. This summary will be followed with a Q/A session so don't miss it!

Workcamp Followup

To all who lent out ladders for the workcamp: Thank You! Please be sure to pick them up or contact Bob Thoman (thomanonline@yahoo.com) to deliver them. Also, if you'd like to continue to be involved with Workcamp Followup tasks or on a fix-it committee, please contact Bob Thoman or Marcie Mason

Longmont Christian School (LCS) graciously opened their doors to nearly 400 kids over the past two weeks and now it's our turn to return the favor and help make the school look better than before we used it. If you are able to volunteer your time for this clean-up project on Saturday, Aug. 9, please contact Marcie Mason (mllmason@mindspring.com) or Bob Thoman (thomanonline@yahoo.com)

A Peak into September

September Yarn Drive: FCLC Outreach will be collecting yarn to donate to the Holiday Giving Program. The yarn will be used to knit hats, mittens, and scarves to be given to kids in need within St. Vrain Valley.

Habitat WorkDay and Lunch: Mark your calendar for Saturday, Sept. 20 to help with this project.

FCLC Outreach is working to organize a Homeless Outreach Project to serve a meal to the homeless. The date is still to be determined so be sure to keep your eye on the bulletin for more information or contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net) if you're interested.

FCLC Outreach will be organizing a visit to the Sterling House Assisted Living Facility as a part of our continued Senior Outreach efforts to the community. If you are interested in Senior Outreach and/or volunteering, please contact Michelle Wynkoop (mkwynkoop@hotmail.com) or Stacia Keller (keller3813@msn.com)



Birthdays of the Month



Celebrating Anniversaries this Month

August 1

Connie Backes
Logan Bowers

August 2

Diane Vanderpool
Jeanette Wittmer
John Petersen
Kimberly Dukart
Aaron Wait

August 3

Almina Ringdahl
Torey Goldfarb-Taylor
Aaron Hartman
Brian Palm
Dakota Lewis
Greg Meyers

August 4

Melissa Barcewski
Sarek Lee
Annika Wetterstrom
Nathan Spiegel

August 5

Kathy Cook
Aaron Foster
Tommy Peebles
Kalyna Lewus

August 6

Chris Holstine
Taylor Tatham

August 8

Erin Gunther
Marit Gjælde-Bennett

August 9

Anna Berg

August 10

Laura Lewis
Michael Schaff
Kerby Wetterstrom
Jonathan Timms

August 11

Monte Ott
George Kotula
Scott Smallwood

August 12

Harold Whitefoot

August 13

Christina Woo Ching
Maria Woo Ching

August 14

Lukas Storaci
Sarah Wormke

August 15

John Meier
Ed Smith
Briana Weber
Nathan Johnson

August 16

Leslie Lubovich
David Sell
Austin Hunting

August 17

Gary Grabau
Matt Sharp
Brian Miller
Stacy Adams

August 18

Lindsay Spiegel
Jonathan Moller
Nathaniel Moller
Haakon Irey

August 19

Mark Flowers
Jill Woo Ching
Ella Lien

August 20

Susie Groshong

August 21

Ed Broestl
Julie Olson
Andra Mesch

August 22

Addison Brents

August 23

Josephine Vece
Daniel Magyar

August 24

Ken Parker
Aaron Harms
Chase Olson
Liam Gratny

August 25

Tom Lewis
Greg Moller

August 26

Allison Whittern

August 27

Mitch Carson
Laurie Dirkes
Kirk Olson
Brianna Boos
Nic Rozek
Lauren Tway

August 28

Kathleen Cirbo
Aaron Olson

August 29

Mike Hoops
Gabrielle Musser

August 30

Kathleen Chestnut

August 31

Pat Neb
Amy Jordan
Mollie Bonds

August 1

Brad & Margi Davis – 22 yrs
Miguel & Jamie Mendez – 11 yrs

August 3

Craig & Sherry Chaney – 23 yrs

August 4

Jeff & Lori Bladt – 18 yrs

August 6

Bill & Renee McDermid – 25 yrs
Ty & Sari Cito – 14 yrs
Mike & Julia Rosenstein – 14 yrs

August 8

Andy & Sandi Buderus – 10 yrs

August 9

Greg & Susan Moller – 28 yrs
Wayne & Kaydene Hubert – 17 yrs

August 11

Scott & Stacie Francis – 7 yrs

August 12

Chuck & Annette Carlson – 19 yrs
David & Jill Brown – 13 yrs

August 13

Dustin & Ashley Bourgois – 3 yrs

August 14

Paul & Mitzi Storaci – 23 yrs

August 15

Trevor & Sherri Platt – 16 yrs

August 17

Dan & Kathy Griffiee – 17 yrs
Larry & Cindy Palm – 17 yrs

August 18

Ron & Donna Wormke – 41 yrs
Mike & Jill Krantz – 24 yrs
John & Mary Timms – 18 yrs

August 19

Dale & Renee Goertz – 19 yrs
Chris & Shannon Holstine – 19 yrs

August 20

Rodger & Janet Streed – 36 yrs

August 21

Mike & Wanda Gwinn – 37 yrs

August 22

Ed & Donna Smith

August 24

Matt & Julie Olson – 6 yrs

August 25

Bob & Stacia Keller – 33 yrs

August 26

Harvey & Marilyn Jackson – 46 yrs

August 29

Gary & Ann Yost – 38 yrs
Mark & Rose Datte – 11 yrs

August 31

Wendell & Marsha Tollefson – 61 yrs
Curt & Tami Musfeldt – 11 yrs
Joel & Hope Rothe – 1 yr



Mission Verse:

God's Spirit is on me:
 He chose me to preach the
 Message of Good News to the
 poor, Sent me to announce
 pardon of prisoners and
 recovery of sight to the blind,
 To set the burdened and
 battered free, to announce,
 "This is God's year to act!"
Luke 4:18-19

Our Vision:

In each of us burns a flame
 so we gather in faith and
 hope to reach out in love.

Our Core Values:

To "Reach Out in Love"
 as a church that is:

- * Bible Centered
- * Prayer Centered
- * "Blended" Inspirational
Worship
- * Kid Friendly
- * Visitor Friendly
- * A Model of the Priesthood of
Believers
- * A Model of First Fruits Giving
(to various outreach projects)



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